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1. The defenses around the port of Vlone were reportedly started in 1947; work was accelerated after the break between Tito and the Cominform, and the Soviets allegedly gave orders that the engineer battalion currently working on the Island of Saseno be transferred to Vlone. Reportedly, this battalion was put to work constructing submarine pens, on which the work was given priority during 1949.
2. The following numbers correspond to those on the attached map of the Gulf of Vlone and its fortifications:
  - (1) Arsenal. Newly constructed; contains artillery shells.
  - (2) Breakwater; for protection of six Soviet torpedo boats brought to Albania unassembled (assembled in temporary shipyard constructed by Soviets). Manned by Soviet officers and Albanian crews.
  - (3) Auxiliary port for torpedo boats; constructed in 1940. Warehouse located nearby.
  - (4) Two arsenals constructed of concrete; 80 x 25 meters; constructed by Soviets and guarded by Soviet marines; contains artillery ammunition. Ammunition designated for two nearby coastal artillery batteries each with four guns of 127 mm. caliber.
  - (5) AA artillery; five batteries of four guns each; searchlight unit nearby; radar unit located between second and third battery along the main road.
  - (6) Two military warehouses; stores of food, equipment, and clothing; guarded by Soviet marines.
  - (6a) Military warehouses; six large warehouses, well guarded; believed to store unspecified arms.
  - (6b) Gasoline and fuel point; six tanks guarded by Soviet soldiers (another informant states that there are only three tanks here).

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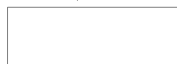
- (7) Military pier; for use by the Soviet Navy; newly constructed by Soviet engineers.
- (7a) Vlane seaplane bases; used by the Soviets.
- (8) Soviet submarine pen\*; located near port of Pelasia; two Soviet submarines of 700 tons berthed here during December 1949.
- (9) Kricnero artillery fort; four guns 150 mm.; originally constructed by Germans; two bunkers along main road following the seashore have been erected to support the fire from the fort.
- (10) Arsenal; supplies Kricnero and Senko (see below) forts.
- (11) Number missing (sic).
- (12) Torpedo boat and submarine base\*; large breakwater constructed by Soviets; area dredged by Soviets.
- ✓ (13) Senko fort; constructed in 1940 by the Soviets; 150 mm. guns (number unspecified). Near the shore another fort exists to ward off attack by air.
- (14) Submarine and torpedo boat base\*; two large quays constructed in the Gulf of Dukat for submarines; no naval vessels here at present. At Al Jorjos (St. George), there is a warehouse storing torpedoes and another store for other war materiel; Soviet guards protect the warehouses.
- (15) Submarine base; described as natural submarine base with one pier; located in Gulf of Naguseo; no submarines present.\*
- (16) Rinkust fort; started in 1947; at present Soviets have constructed three artillery installations; each has a new Soviet 127 mm. gun. Other forts (sic) support the fire of the Rinkust fort.
- (17) Sen Djin (Kap i Shengjinit?) artillery batteries; two guns emplaced on concrete bases; 120 mm. mobile weapons; subterranean warehouses nearby (to the rear).
- (18) Submarine and torpedo boat port; breakwater constructed by Soviets in 1949; breakwater has fuel stores and storage space for equipment; work is still under construction at the port.
- (19) Cape Linguetta coastal batteries; two concrete forts, each with four 120 mm. guns; other guns (sic) support the fire of these forts.
- (20) Submarine and torpedo boat base; temporary base for submarines; constructed in 1949; large submarines may be moored at the breakwater which extends 15 meters into the sea.
- (21) Temporary submarine base\*; small breakwater for mooring submarines; fuel bunker and materiel storage for submarine units.
- (22) Karaburun artillery forts; four reinforced concrete forts located here; 150 mm. guns (number unspecified) defend entrance to Vlane port; two AA batteries; to the rear a subterranean warehouse exists.

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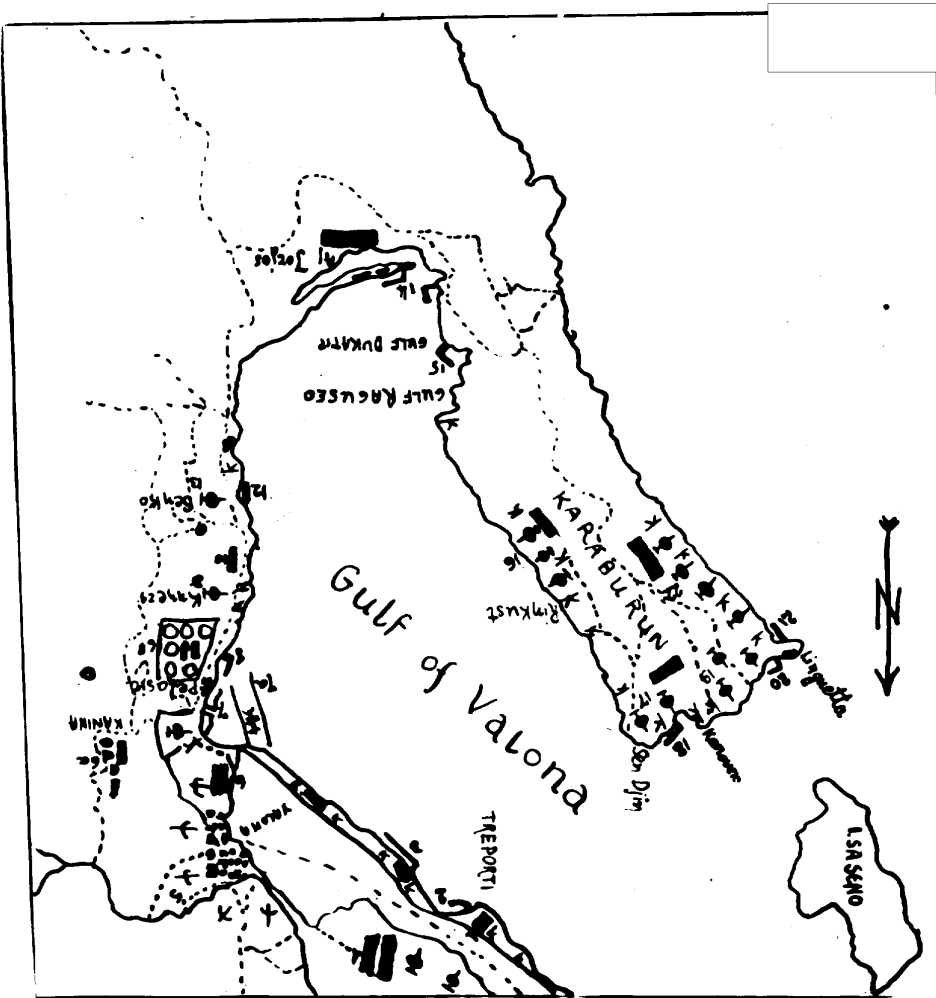
3. Within the Gulf of Vlons, there is a mined area which starts 200 yards north of the port of Krionero and continues northward. An approaching vessel signals the naval commander of the port, who sends a patrol boat to meet the vessel; a pilot takes the ship to the dock.

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